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The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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The universal periodic review on Lebanon in Geneva
The government did not dialogue of civil society

In November 2, 2015 Human Rights Council will held the second UPR session in Geneva, on the issue of the human rights situation in Lebanon to discuss the Lebanese government report of the Council and implement the recommendations of the first session.
KRC submitted a report to the Human Rights Council calling on the Lebanese government the following recommendations:

At the level of the prison:

•The establishment of national preventive mechanism to prevent torture and lack of integrated National Plan for Human Rights
•Amending national legislation to harmonize the definition of torture in local laws.
•Provide initial and periodic report to the Committee against Torture after a delay of 15 years.
•declare a state of emergency judicial and put an end to the arrest of the reserve.
•The implementation of Article 14 of the Convention against Torture rehabilitation and compensation to prisoners
•Documenting the physical and psychological evidence of torture.
•Creation of an independent complaints mechanism.
•Determine the period of time to put the prison under the supervision of the Ministry of Justice
•Deployment of the Lebanese government's report on the Committee against Torture Report

On the issue of missing persons:

•Ratification of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearances
•Decree approving the National Commission to investigate the fate of missing an initial step towards a modern law sophisticated.
•Families of the missing victims of torture and consider their inclusion of Article 14 of the Convention against Torture.
• Implement the recommendations of March 2011 and the adoption of the most important civil law unified personal status law and democratic election to and the abolition of political and granting citizenship to the children of women married to foreigners and give the civil and human rights of Palestinian refugees, etc ...

Conclusions:

We believe that the Lebanese government approval, despite the recommendations of the UPR and the preparation of some of the projects to combat torture, but failed for the following reasons:

.1did not establish a formal process of a device or mechanism to follow up on the recommendations and reporting.
.2did not put the calendar time for implementation.
.3did not organize a serious dialogue with civil society organizations, both during the preparation of the first national report of 2010 or the second national report 2015 and thus contrary to the universal periodic review criteria.
National Reports to the Lebanese government prepared independently of the stakeholders do not believe that dialogue is required national dialogue.
It is true that Lebanon is facing a very difficult challenges of turning sometimes without fulfilling its obligations, but cannot be convinced that the circumstances make Lebanon delayed 15 years or 19 years for reporting to the United Nations!!

Even all the blame on the Lebanese government, the international community has a responsibility also by leaving Lebanon alone flops in a sea of Syrian displacement without the active assistance to help the displaced and did not initiate various foreign governments over the past four years to help Lebanon to implement the key recommendations as we as civil society we fail to follow recommendations with successive governments recommendations as part of a national coalition of civil coherent.